

To the Soyland Urban District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1925.

General Statistics :—

Area (acres) 4960.

Population 2708.

Number of inhabited houses, 852.

Rateable Value, £17804 15s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £74 3s. 8d.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year :—

Births legitimate total 46—Males 20, Females 26 } Rate 16.9 per 1,000.
Illegitimate nil.

Deaths total 41—Males 19, Females 22 - Rate 15.1 per 1,000.

The average birth-rate for the past five years has been 13.1 per 1,000; and the average death-rate for the same period has been 13.4 per 1,000.

There was one death under one year; equivalent to an infant mortality of 21.7 per 1000 births, the average for the past five years being 27.4 per 1,000 births.

There were four deaths from Cancer, three from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, one from Measles, and one from Diphtheria; the causes of the other deaths do not call for any special comment. During the past five years there have been seven deaths from Pulmonary and other forms of Tuberculosis, and for the same period there have been twenty-two deaths from Cancer.

The deaths occurred in the following age groups :—under one year 1, 1 to 5 years 1, 5 to 15 years 2, 15 to 25 yrs. 2, 25 to 65 years 19, 65 years and upwards 16. All the deaths were certified.

Notification of Infectious (Diseases') Act.—Nine cases were reported, three from Scarlet Fever, four from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, one from non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and one from Diphtheria. During the past five years thirty-seven cases of notifiable diseases have been reported.

Chicken-pox, Measles and Whooping Cough, have been epidemic during the year, necessitating the closure of the Infants' Department of the National School on three occasions, and Stones Council School once.

Scavenging.—A good many conversions to the water carriage system have taken place and I would urge upon the sub-committee attending to this matter the necessity of continuing their good work. The scavenging done by the Council is commendable, and in the scavenging done by others there has been only one complaint.

Water Supply.—The Supply has been constant and of good quality, it is very popular and there are additional users every year.

Factories and Workshops.—Their condition is satisfactory. There have been no cases of disease traceable to any industry; although one or two operatives at Ryburndale Mill have complained about the Chlorine gas. Cotton is the main industry.

Dairies and Cowsheds.—The leaflets distributed in 1923 re a clean milk supply have done good. Farmers are now taking more precautions and are cleaner in their methods. The public will consume more milk when it is known that it is produced and handled in a clean manner. Structural alterations are rarely carried out, and one knows how defective many of the buildings are.

Housing and Town Planning.—There has been a steady progress in building—the four houses erected by the Council have been sold before completion—indicating there is a demand for houses. It is desirable that the Council should build a few more, there is also evidence of present and future building by others. There have been no cases of overcrowding reported and the inhabitants keep their houses clean and orderly.

Hanging Lee Mill has been bought by the Wakefield Corporation and transformed into a building for the accommodation of 80 to 100 men. The bedrooms are lofty, well lighted and ventilated, and the other rooms for meals, recreation, etc., are in every way satisfactory. The sanitation has been attended to, in fact the building is a credit to the Corporation, and will be a means of easing the house shortage whilst the works are in progress.

A sum of £455 11s. 1d. has been paid out in Poor Law relief, and during the past five years the Public Vaccinator has performed 29 vaccinations.

The services of the District Nurse have been frequently called for and highly appreciated.

I had the pleasure of giving the Health Lecture at the Public Elementary School.

I have attached tables C. and D.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HOYLE, M.B.

MAY 1st, 1926.

SOYLAND
Urban District Council

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

for 1925.

TABLE C.

Year 1925.

Sanitary District.

Loyland

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only 226
(For Housing Inspections see Table D).
Nuisances reported in 1925 3
Nuisances in hand, end of 1924 1
Total needing abatement 4
Abated during 1925 4
Outstanding end of 1925 none
Notices served, Informal 3
Complied with 3
Statutory none
Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings none
Filthy Houses, Cleansing of none Any notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any other Act)? no

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in District	No. on Register	Total No. of Inspections made	General Condition	Legal Proceedings (if any)
Common Lodging Houses	nil				
Houses let in Lodgings	4				
Canal Boats ..	4				
Knackers Yards ..	4				
Tents, Vans & Sheds	4				
Offensive Trades .. (Please specify kind).	4				

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? no

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Developments during 1925? 21 houses have been connected
Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers none
(b) Improvement of defective sewers none
Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy no
(b) Any complaints no
Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? yes

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens 36 No. of Pail or Tub Closets 17
" " with covered middens 52 No. of Water Closets 303 Waste-water Closets 28
" " re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s 4 (b) other none
No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(a) w.c.'s 3 (b) other none
No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s 7 (b) other none

SCAVENGING.

Any change during 1925? no
Performed by (a) Council partly (b) Contractor no (c) Owners or Occupiers partly
How is refuse disposed of? { No. of loads to (a) Destructor (b) Tips 700
(c) Farmers yes Total annual cost £ 185
Is there any inadequacy, and where? yes - in populous parts
Any utilization of waste material? no If so, what?

WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1925? 15 houses connected to public supply
Restricted in any way? no If so, No. of days? Hours of day when cut off?
Any general insufficiency, and where? no
Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? no
Any new sources added? no Any disused sources re-used? no

MILK SUPPLY.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? *Yes*

(a) For Retailers. *Yes* (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders. *Yes*

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—

“Certified” milk..... *no*..... “Grade A”..... *no*..... “Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)”..... *no*.....

“Grade A (Pasteurised)”..... *no*..... “Pasteurised”..... *no*.....

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind..... *none*..... Results.....

Have any retailers been removed from the Register?..... *no*.....

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts..... *none*..... No. adulterated.....

No. „ „ „ for bacteriological examination..... *none*.....

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?..... *none*.....

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925?..... *no*.....

No. of Milk Cows kept in District..... *448 approximately*.....

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk..... *67*..... No. Registered..... *67*.....

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers..... *67*..... No. who are Milk Retailers only..... *none*..... Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Regt'd.....

Total No. of Cowsheds..... *90*..... Total No. of Inspections in 1925..... *180*..... { Cowkeepers..... *180*..... Retailers.....

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations?..... Any Legal Action?.....

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent?..... *no*.....

OTHER FOODS. No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925..... *none*..... No. adulterated.....

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt?..... *no*.....

No. of seizures of unsound food..... *none*..... Kind and quantity..... No. of Prosecutions.....

Any Public Abattoir?..... *no*..... What accommodation?.....

No. of Slaughterhouses..... *4*..... Regt'd..... *4*..... Licenced..... *4*..... Unsatisfactory, structurally..... *none*..... or in bad position?.....

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected?..... *15*..... Total Inspections..... *60*.....

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs..... *none*..... (b) Unsound Food..... *none*..... (c) re Slaughter Houses..... *none*.....

Bakehouses, No..... *4*..... Any underground?..... *no*..... Total No. of Inspections..... *4*.....

SCHOOLS.—Statutory Medical Inspection is carried out by the County Education Authority in most of the Districts but that does not relieve the M.O.H. of his duties in regard to sanitation and the prevention of infectious outbreaks in connection with Schools.

No. of Schools in district..... *one*..... No. visited by M.O.H..... *one*.....

Action taken..... *closure for measles*..... Schools closed by M.O.H..... *one*.....

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS. (Please attach copies of Home Office Form 572).

No. of Smoke observations taken..... *none*..... No. of Cautions..... Legal Notices..... Summonses.....

No. of Workshops..... *7*..... No. of times each Workshop inspected..... *3*..... Total inspections..... *21*.....

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed..... *no*.....

ADOPTIVE ACTS in force in District. (Please state parts or sections)

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.
Do. Do. 1907.
Private Street Works Act, 1892.
Public Health Act, 1925.

For Rural Districts { Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925 }

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District. *Yes. July 27th 1896*

Subject	Date of Approval	Subject	Date of Approval
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements		Slaughter Houses	
Scavenging		Baths and Wash-Houses	
Prevention of Nuisances		Houses let in Lodgings	
Common Lodging Houses		Cemeteries	
New Streets and Buildings		Mortuaries	
Alteration of Buildings		Offensive Trades	
		Tents, Vans and Sheds	

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919..... *no*.....

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? *Chicken-pox, measles, Whooping cough* State months *Feb., April, Dec.*
Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? *no*
Any influences threatening the health of the District? *no*
Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? *no*
Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? *no*

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

(a) General: Accident..... Address *Stratford Royal Infirmary*
Children.....
(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage *none*
(c) Infectious, General *Brighams & Stratford*
Smallpox *Holles Hey (combined)*
(d) Maternity..... *Stratford Royal Infirmary, & St. Luke's Hospital*
Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? *Yes: St. Luke's Hospital.*
(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme..... *no*
Whether any other disease (e.g. Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital } *no*
Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital..... *no*
(b) Smallpox Hospital..... *no*

TUBERCULOSIS.—Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification:—

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop..... *yes* (2) Examination for contacts..... *yes*
(3) Is house disinfected?..... *yes* When?..... *mainly at death.*
(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed..... *yes*
(5) Action re spitting..... *none* (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary?..... *yes*
(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum?..... *no*
(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners?..... *yes*

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory) Any suggestions?..... *no*

INFANT MORTALITY. Any suggestions?..... *none*

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare?..... *no*
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925..... *none*
Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action?..... *no*
SUGGESTIONS will be welcomed regarding—(a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes.....
(b) Ante-natal Schemes.....

VITAL STATISTICS.

No. of Still Births during 1925..... *no record*
Deaths during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the District without any correction Males..... *18* Females *19*
(2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above)..... *none*

MORTUARIES. What accommodation—

(a) for accidents..... *none*
(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital..... *none*
(c) For other purposes..... *none* { Any suggestions made by M.O.H.....

SANITARY STAFF.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. ? £43-14-0

Name of Sanitary Inspector. Annual Salary as Inspector. Other appointments held. Salary for such other appointments

Willie Whithead £118-15-0 Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector £121-12-0

Any Assistants ? no.

Is Staff sufficient ? yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health : yes.

CLINICS Any Suggestions— none.

(a) Tuberculosis

(b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest

(c) Child Welfare

(d) Ante-Natal

(e) School

(f) Dental

(g) Ophthalmic

ANY REMARKS as to—

(a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment none

(b) District Nursing Association yes

(c) Any Dispensary no Purpose of

(d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.) none except maternity cases by Court house

(e) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting do. do. and medical attendant none

(f) Dental Services

(g) Midwifery Services One registered midwife

(h) Propaganda work re Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases

HOUSING—See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2) none

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS.

none

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries.

A more rapid conversion of privy middens to the water carriage system.

This Table is enclosed, by request of the Secretary of State, for the guidance and convenience of Medical Officers of Health in preparing that part of their Annual Report which relates to factories, workshops and workplaces. It is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, but to provide for uniformity in the presentation of certain particulars which lend themselves to statistical treatment.

Further copies can be supplied on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925,
for the *urban district* of *Coylead*
on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

e.g. Metropolitan
Borough,
County Borough,
Borough,
Urban District,
Rural District.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.
INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises.		Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)
<i>10</i> Factories	(Including Factory Laundries)	<i>20</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>7</i> Workshops	(Including Workshop Laundries)	<i>21</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>none</i> Workplaces	(Other than Outworkers' premises)			
Total		<i>41</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.		Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted.
		Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>					
Want of cleanliness					
Want of ventilation					
Overcrowding					
Want of drainage of floors					
Other nuisances					
Sanitary accommodation	{ insufficient				
	{ unsuitable or defective				
	{ not separate for sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>					
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)					
Other offences					
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)					
Total					

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108.

NATURE OF WORK.	Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, &c.			
Cleaning and washing			
Household linen			
Lace, lace curtains and nets			
Curtains and furniture hangings... ..			
Furniture and upholstery			
Electro-plate.... ..			
File making			
Brass and brass articles			
Fur pulling			
Cables and chains			
Anchors and Grapnels			
Cart gear			
Locks, latches and keys			
Umbrellas, &c.			
Artificial flowers			
Nets, other than wire nets			
Tents			
Sacks			
Racquet and tennis balls			
Paper, etc.. boxes, paper bags			
Brush making			
Pea picking			
Feather sorting			
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c.			
Stuffed toys			
Basket making			
Chocolates and sweetmeats			
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, &c.			
Textile weaving			
TOTAL			

(Signature)

John Doyle
Medical Officer of Health.
May 1st 1926

Date

NOTE.—The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 (s. 132), requires the Medical Officer of Health in his Annual Report to the District Council to report specifically on the administration of that Act in workshops and workplaces, and to send a copy of his Annual Report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Secretary of State (Home Office). If the Annual Report is presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, workplaces or homework.